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ABSTRACT

The present invention provides methods of treating an autoimmune pathology in a mammal, comprising administering an agent with estrogen receptor α agonist activity in particular a selective estrogen receptor modulator, to the mammal in an amount sufficient to decrease production of TH-1 and/or TH-2 cytokines. Also provided is a method of selecting compounds useful for the treatment of multiple sclerosis, comprising selecting a compound which has estrogen receptor α agonist activity.